

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
DECEMBER 18, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This meeting of the Tacony Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:02 p.m. My name is Barbara L. Saunders. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

This meeting is being held via teleconference. This is a public meeting that was properly noticed in the Philadelphia Daily News and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The public notice included instructions for how the public could participate in tonight's meeting.

All members of the public are welcome to sit and listen to the Board of Trustees conduct its business tonight. Members of the public who have registered with the Administrative Office to participate in public comment by 5:00 p.m. on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that the Executive Administration submit the list of commenters to our General Counsel. Comments will be limited to three minutes unless the Board decides to grant additional time.

At this time, I will ask that Roll Call be taken.

A. ROLL CALL

| Board Members Present: | By Invitation: Non-Board Members: |
|---|---|
| Barbara L. Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Marianne Lynch Dr. Zakia Gates Board Members Absent: Staci Capozio Dr. Ronald Whitaker Reginald Howard | Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Eric Straus |

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY BARBARA L. SAUNDERS

I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting, that the Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

 MARIANNE LYNCH

 SECOND:

 ZAKIA GATES

 VOTE:

 PASS

 FAIL

R241218.01 Approval of the December 18, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the December 18, 2024 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| Who | What |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Board</i> | <i>General discussion</i> |

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

R241218.02 Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Meeting

MARIANNE
LYNCH

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

SECOND:

ZAKIA GATES

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

PASS

| Who | What |
|------------|--------------------|
| Board | General discussion |

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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| Who | What |
|------------|-------------|
| None | None |

A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *No verbal report provided; rather, the Board acknowledged that the written report was previously disseminated to the Board and that there were no further questions at this time.*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *No verbal report provided; rather, the Board acknowledged that the written report was previously disseminated to the Board and that there were no further questions at this time.*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Eric Strauss, Withum*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the draft audit documents*
 - ii. *Informed the Board of a clean audit.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *None*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

R241218.03 Report of the Business Controller

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the Financial Report of the Business Controller and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting.

SECOND:

MARIANNE.
LYNCH

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:

| <i>Who</i> | <i>What</i> |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Board</i> | <i>General discussion</i> |

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MOTION:

R241218.04 Human Resources Resolution

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

| HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE/RATE CHANGE | | |
|---|---|-------------------|
| NAME | TITLE | START DATE |
| Ashley Fann (new hire) | Instructional Assistant – Autistic Support | 12/16/24 |
| Danielle Huffnagle (rate change) | Math Teacher | 11/25/24 |

VOTE:

PASS

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| TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| NAME | TITLE | EFFECTIVE DATE |
| Amaei Adballah (resignation) | Instructional Assistant | 2/7/24 |

MOTION:

R241218.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, Business Controller, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the professional services described below;

VOTE:

PASS

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effectuate this resolution.

| Contractor | Amount | Comment: Terms and Conditions |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Practical Energy Solutions | 1330 Rhawn: \$8,000 6201 Keystone St.: \$9,600 | Building Energy Performance Program inspection |

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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| Board | General discussion |

MOTION:

R241218.06 2023-24 Draft Audit Financial Statements

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School Hereby approves the 2023-24 Draft Audit Financial statements, as presented, for Tacony Academy Charter School.

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| Who | What |
|-------|--------------------|
| Board | General discussion |

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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ROLL CALL

- Barbara L. Saunders - aye
- Anita Vega-Kaiser - aye
- Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - aye
- Dr. Ronald Whitaker - absent
- Marianne Lynch.- aye
- Reginald Howard - absent
- Dr. Zakia Gates - aye
- Staci Capozio - absent

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 15, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:34PM

MOTION:

MARIANNE LYNCH

SECOND:

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL